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1. An apparatus for effecting a governmental regulation for monitoring a call in a telecommunications network, comprising:
  - 5                   an application for executing commands that effect the governmental regulation;
  - 10                  a primary rate interface (PRI) coupled to the application for redirecting calls to be monitored according to the governmental regulation; and
  - a telephony protocol encapsulating the PRI for transporting signals relating to the call over a packetized network.
- 15                 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the telephony protocol is Signaling Transport SIGTRAN.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the governmental regulation is established by the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act  
20                 (CALEA).
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the PRI includes a B-Channel that conveys voice signals and the PRI loops the voice signals to a termination point.
- 25                 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the PRI includes a D-Channel that conveys call data and the PRI forwards the call data to an operator.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the PRI is a personal computer (PC)  
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7. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a Service Control Point that determines whether a particular call is to be regulated.
8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the network is a public switched telephone network PSTN.
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9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein network is an Internet Protocol (IP) network.
10. A method for effecting a governmental regulation for monitoring a call in a telecommunications network, comprising the steps of:
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  - providing an application that regulates calls in accordance with the governmental regulation;
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  - providing a primary rate interface (PRI) for redirecting the calls to be regulated by law enforcement regulation; and
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  - transporting signals relating to the call over a packetized network using a transport protocol.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein the step of transporting is based on signaling transport SIGTRAN.
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12. The method of claim 10, wherein the governmental regulation is compliant with Communications Assistance Law Enforcement Act.